

ORDINANCE NO. 003-150

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PUBLIC
BIDDING DISADVANTAGEOUS AND
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A
PAYMENT PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR CTA'S
E-COMMERCE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority is in need of a payment processing system for the Fare Media, Chicago Card, and Gift Express e-commerce websites; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority is currently re-designing the Chicago Card and Fare Media websites; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority is currently using related software from the recommended vendor, therefore a change would require resources to re-train staff; and

WHEREAS, The consultants who were awarded the contracts to re-design the aforementioned websites proposed using the recommended system, whereas, if a vendor, other than VeriSign, Inc., was awarded the contract, the website programming would have to be revised to implement the new and unfamiliar system, increasing the chance of security problems and delaying the launch of the websites, thus costing the Chicago Transit Authority the income generated by the websites; and

WHEREAS, Section 54.3-5 of the Regulations Governing Purchase and Sales Transactions provides for the award of contracts in those situations where the Transit Board determines that competitive bidding would be disadvantageous; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. That based on the statements set forth in the preamble of this ordinance, the Transit Board hereby determines that competitive bidding for this service is disadvantageous.

SECTION 2. That the Chairman of the Board, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with VeriSign, Inc., to provide a payment processing system, in the not-to-exceed amount of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) under Requisition B03OP02018.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

Assistant Secretary

November 5, 2003

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